DIXIE'S DEAD

By Lucian L. Knight

It was not from the field of battle that your message bearer comes today. Born since "The bugles sang truce," I have pilgrimed allegiance to but one flag .. "the flag of the free heart's hope and home." I love it, for every star is radiant with the glory and every stripe crimson with the blood of my people! But I also love the conquered banner. Around the blazing winter's fire and in the misty starlight of sweet summer evenings I have listened to the story of the War until I could almost hear the roll of the Rapahannock, and catch the voice of Jackson in the music of the trees.

The South is loyal to the covenant of Appomattox. Nor is she truer to the tryst than when she gathers among her grass-green graves to hold communion with her deathless dead. In the winningness of Americans to die for principle are grounded the triumphs of the nation in the conflicts which are yet to come.

When the tocsin of war sounded, it was the blood of the old Confederacy that laid the first red rubies upon freedom's altar. Then instantly the world remembered that it was the South whose soldier-ship and valor wrested Yorktown from the British. .. the South whose Patrick Henry kindled the fires of the Revolution, whose Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, whose Washington commanded the Continental Army; whose Madison framed the Constitution; whose Marshall interpreted the Arganic Law —Aye! The South to whom the Union was indebted for existence; and if from 1861 to 1865 she drew her sword against the Union's Flag, it was in defense of the Union's Constitution.

Nor was it African slavery for which the South contended, but Anglo-Saxan freedom, the old Teutonic birthright of local self-government and home rule!

These men did not die in vain.** Besides, they live in literature that loves a lost cause. Troy's downfall woke the harp of Homer.. ** The Greeks sung glories of Thermopylae, which sprang from the deathbed of Leodias. * The distant years to come, fame's loudest blast will sound to all the listening world the name of Lee!

For the victor a nation's gratitude stands sentinel, but woman's love keeps vigil for the vanquished, and it is appropriate that Southern women should be the custodians of the graves in which Southern heroes sleep. The Confederate soldier loved them. Child of the Cavalier, he was ever the champion of "lady fair." It was the colors which she laid upon his lips that buoyed him along the march and that made him strong in battle.

To protect the unsullied honor of women he was ever ready to fight, like the old Swiss Guard for the Bourbon Lillies.

But the Queen was worthy of her Knight. In the days of Dixie's tribulation no truer hearts enshrined the cause and purer patriots bore the flag. They knelt each night in Gethsemane's oliva gloom. No music of the drums for them—no ecstacy of battle—no touch of comradeship around the camp fires. In an area of country exposed to the perils of invasion they suffered the severest ordeals and they endured the bitterest perils and privations which the war entailed; but be it said to the credit of the Southern women that they were the very last to surrender.

When the drums' tap summoned the "flower of the South" to arms, the wife relinquished her husband at the altar and the aged mother faltered at the grave side: "Here is my only son." No maiden smiled upon the youth who sulked at home. To nurse the child of battle, the patrician blood of Dixie bore ten thousand Florence Nightengailes. Whenever Sir Launcelot was unhorsed on the field of combat there were fair Elaines without number to caress his fevered brow, and at every couch of suffering the beautiful Rebecca bent over the wounded Ivanhoes.

Through the whole of Dixie Cornelius pledged her jewels, Dorcas plied her busy needle, Miriam sang her battle hymn, and Mary watched; little Martha served. When the flag went down at Appomattox the darkness found them weeping at the Calvery of the Southern cross, and the South's resurrection rolled away the stone, the earliest beams upon the hills brought them with incense to the sepulcre.

In the lexicon of the Confederate woman's love there is no such word as 'forget.' Like the temple fires which were fed by the vestal virgins, the flames have never died upon the hearthstone upon which she ministered, unwithered still are the forget-me-nots in the rose jar of her memories, fragrant the spinkenard in her alabaster box. The ivy leaves of her love still clutch the smouldering walls of the past, and the splendor of the tabernacle of the Old South has departed, the heart of the daughter of Dixie is still an ark of the covenant in which the ancient manna of the Confederacy is kept.

It has been said that the South's marvelous rehabilitation has been the work of the stranger within her gates. I challenge this assertion. To the stranger who brought his trunk and not his carpet bag, we are indebted; Dixie's latchstring has ever hung outside her door. But let the truth be told. The close of the War found the South prostrate. She had lost her slave property worth two billions of dollars. She had furnished nine-tenths of the battlefields of the war. The whole section had been narrowed by burning plowshares of battle, and there was still to be endured what to the Anglo-Saxon was a reign of terror. Today, in spite of the enormities of Reconstruction, the South is the richest part of the Republic. A miracle indeed has been wrought. But the credit belongs to the "Men of Gray" who beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

The victory is the Confederate soldier's.

Without a dollar in his pocket he goes to work amid the ashes of his home, catches the sunlight into his tear-stained face, and cares for his worn and helpless comrades of the battlefield, pays not only his war debt but his proportionate share of the debt contracted to subdue him, and day by day turns ashes into beauty until, lo, the caterpillar of defeat becomes the butterfly of victory, and the New South blooms like a trophy on his bayonet.

Aye, the phenix has risen, on every side the spires and domes are leaping skyward. But the very last of Dixie's richest is her material wealth. What makes her of real value to our reunited country in this hour of subtle dangers is her pure-blooded Ango-Saxonian, her love of temperance, her hatred of graft, her faith in an orthodox religion, her devotion to the flag of the Republic, her loyalty to woman, and her uncompromising allegiance to "Home, Sweet Home."

(Editor's note: the above is reprinted at the request of a Times-Virginian reader, who handed us the manuscript).

CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By James W. Dinwiddie
Manager of the Lynchburg Social Security District Office

One of the important reasons for social security insurance benefits is the protection of children. Before the recent changes in the law, however, foster children who had not been legally adopted were often out of luck where social security is concerned. I have known many "little orphan Annies," who were not eligible for benefits.

I recall, in particular, the case of 6-year-old Johnnie K. The Johnsons had taken him to live with them before they could get around to a legal adoption, Mr. Johnson died. Mrs. Johnson fully expected to get survivor's payments for the little boy and for herself as she had the child in her care. It was our painful duty to tell her that benefits were not possible. Johnnie had not been legally adopted and she, as a widow without a legal minor child could not get payments as she was under 62.

In 1958 changes in the social security law make it possible to pay benefits to more children (including Johnnie) and more widows (including Mrs. Johnson). In the case of children, this results from the removal of the adoption provision in the old law; in the case of widows, the removal of the adoption provision will also permit the payments of mother's benefits in most cases.

It is no longer necessary that a child, other than the worker's own child, be an adopted child in order to qualify for survivor's benefits. The requirement now is that the child be "adoptable" and be adopted by the surviving spouse within two years after the worker's death. If the child was living in the worker's household as a member of the family and was not supported by anyone other than the worker, the spouse or a social agency, he is now regarded, for social security purposes, the same as the worker's own child.

In the case of the adopted child of a retired insured worker it is no longer necessary that the child have been adopted for as long as three years in order to be eligible for benefit payments. The 3-year restriction was put in the old law to guard against abuses through adoptions undertaken to secure rights to benefits. As adoptions are subject to court approval in the various states, however, Congress decided that this is a rare abuse, and removed the restriction from the law. Benefits are now payable to an adopted child immediately after adoption.

Under the old law, the mother of a child adopted by her deceased husband, could not get widow's benefits if their marriage had not been in effect for at least a year before his death. This often resulted in a situation where the child could get survivor's benefits but the widow with the child in her care could not. Under the amended law, the length-of-marriage restriction has been removed if the deceased worker legally adopted the spouse's child.

The amended law includes other changes relating to marriage and remarriage. I shall discuss them in the next article in this series.

Colored Dots

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Rev. N. R. Jordan wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of its many friends for all of the acts of kindness shown them during their recent bereavement.

Signed: Mrs. Armeta S. Jordan and Family.

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Impressive funeral services were conducted recently in the main auditorium of the Carver-Price High School for the late Rev. Nelson R. Jordan, where hundreds of friends throughout the state and several different states came to pay their last tribute of respect. Rev. Jordan, the oldest son of the late Dr. Nelson R. Jordan, a leading minister of his day, died at the McGuire Hospital in Richmond, after a serious operation. He was born and M. T. West and Mrs. T. W. Hamlet are sponsors of the program.

FARM EARNINGS HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Farmers' earnings so far this year are higher than last year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Earnings for the first nine months are around 19% higher than for the same months last year. But the year isn't finished, and the next couple of months could easily change the 19% figure.

Three major reasons are given for earnings being up: The average of product prices is up; yields are high; and more products are being marketed; and Soil Bank payments are larger. Generally, prices of livestock products have been higher, and marketings of crops have been larger.

Farmers' production expenses have gone up, too. For the third quarter of the year, these were 5% above a year ago. All costs are up except for seeds and motor supplies.

Since income has increased more than expenses, farm net income is higher. Net income, which is sales plus government payments minus production expenses, is the interesting figure to the farmer.

High yields and bigger marketings can work both ways. So far this year, they have raised income. But the large supplies can push prices down. This will offset some of the increase in earnings. Even so, farm income this year will be higher than it was last year, the USDA experts say.

Hep!

Inscription on bopster's tombstone: "Don't dig me, man, I'm gone." —U. S. Coast Guard News.

Adamant

Some minds are like concrete—all mixed up and permanently set.—U. S. Coast Guard Yard News.

reared in Farmville, Va., where he received his elementary education. He received his secondary education at the Bluestone Harmony Academy at Keysville, Va. He graduated from Hampton Institute and Howard University.

He pastored successfully the following churches: First Baptist, of Bedford, Va.; the First Baptist of Appomattox; and the Chestnut Grove Baptist, of Appomattox Co. At the time of his death he was pastoring the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. He resigned from the First Baptist Church in Appomattox in 1957, after serving successfully for 15 years. Rev. Jordan was active in all community activities. He served as president of the first chapter of NAACP in Appomattox. A former president of the Appomattox P.-T. A., and a former chaplain and member of the Appomattox County Advisory Board. He deacon's fund of the Hasidiah Baptist Association. He was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of the Cornerstone Baptist Association. Rev. Jordan was a business man, having operated the first licensed barber shop in the town of Appomattox. He was a kind husband, father and brother. He leaves the following: a wife, Mrs. Armeta S. Jordan, of Appomattox; one son, Nelson C. Jordan, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and three sisters, Mrs. M. J. Price, supervisor of schools, Appomattox; Mrs. Elsie Carroll, Newark, N. J. a retired school teacher; and Miss Elizabeth Jordan, a teacher in Dunbar High School, Lynchburg, and one brother, the Rev. Arthur Jordan, a former principal of Carver-Price High School, now of Farmville, Va.

He was buried in the family cemetery, Farmville, with military rites. The following order of service was conducted: processional, by choir; hymn, choir; Scripture, Rev. S. E. Singleton; prayer, Rev. C. A. Marshall; expressions, First Baptist Ch.; ch; deacon Charlie Coleman; Cocnut Grove Church, deacon Floyd Daniels, First Baptist, Farmville, Rev. L. F. Griffin; the Cornerstone Association, honorary moderator, Dr. A. F. Brown; Hasidiah Association, Dr. W. R. Fryer; solo, Rev. Charlie Franklin; the obituary and eulogy, Rev. R. Q. Lawing; hymn, choir; recessional.

All officers and members are asked to attend regular preaching services at Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11:30. The pastor will return to his pulpit.

A large number of teachers will attend the state meeting in Richmond on Friday. Local schools will be closed.

The regular county teachers' association will meet at Carver-Price High School on Monday at 4 P. M.

A special program is being planned for Hayes Day celebration at Galilee Baptist Church on the third Sunday in Nov. at 8 P. M.

The Appomattox Trumpeteers will give a special program at Carver-Price High School on the third Sunday in Nov. at 3 P. M., for the benefit of the school. Miss E. M. Petts is sponsor of the program.

A choir festival will be given at the First Baptist Church on the second Sunday night in Nov. at 8. for the benefit of the school. Mrs.

Fall Applications of 2,4-D Will Kill Many Lawn Weeds

Plagued with weeds in your lawn? Allan Kates, weed control specialist at VPI, says fall applications of 2,4-D will get rid of many broad-leafed weeds such as dandelions, plantain, ground ivy, etc. Most lawn grasses, except creeping bent grass will tolerate concentrations of 2,4-D necessary to kill the weeds. Apply the chemical in a coarse spray under low pressure. On small areas a sprinkling can may be used. Use 2 tablespoons of an amine or sodium salt of 2,4-D in 1 gallon of water per 1,000 square feet.

Weeds such as wild onion, wild garlic, dandelion, and plantain may be killed with localized treatments of 2,4-D without spraying the entire lawn. Prepare a 2,4-D solution of 5 ounces of an amine salt of 2,4-D to 1 gallon of water. Place a rubber glove over your hand to protect it from the chemical, and pull an absorbent cotton glove over the rubber glove. Apply the chemical to the wild onion by dipping your gloved hand into the mixture and firming your hand around the tops of the weed. Press hard enough to break through the waxy coating on onion or garlic leaves. To control dandelions, plantain, and curled dock, use the same solution. Fasten a piece of kitchen sponge to the end of a stick or broom handle, then dip the sponge into the solution and spot treat by pressing the moist sponge against the crown of each plant. This spot treatment method eliminates the danger of spray drift, and makes it possible to kill weeds growing close to desirable flowers and shrubs.

Chickweed does not respond to 2,4-D. To kill chickweed, use 3½ ounces of potassium cyanate or 4 tablespoons of an amine salt of dinitro in 1 gallon of water, for

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Richwood, Oct. 30.
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Mrs. Sam Cordell,
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and daughter, Phyll
Minnie Duncan,
Grove; Mr. and Mrs. R
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Mrs. J. A. Slaster and
G. I. Watts.

Mrs. Jacob Lewis,
Lawrence, Mrs. R. C.
J. I. Brown, Mrs. Ge
Mrs. R. E. Hicks and
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returned home now and

Luther Jones and
Mr. and Mrs. J. B.

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here.

Hanged Himself Up

Oct. While sheriff's de-
was visiting setting up
moonshine still parked his
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Tenth Grade, Mrs. Taylor: Jane Martin, Eva Moore and Eleanor Richardson.

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Ninth Grade, Mrs. Green: Helen Lipscomb, Nancy Lewis, Patsy Jamerson, Thomas Matthews and Richard Hamilton.

Ninth Grade, Mrs. Chambers: Joyce Moon, Mary K. Mitchell, Mildred Moore and Austin Pankey.

Ninth Grade, Mr. Butler: Sandra Trent and Pat Thomas.

Ninth Grade, Mr. Hudson: Robbie Lou Robertson, Kathryn Routon, Phyllis Thompson, Carol Webb, Patsy Wilcox, Billy Slagle, Thelbert Stratton and Larry Torrence.

Eigth Grade, Mr. LeRoux: Marlene Barger.

Eigth Grade, Mr. Bussen: Maggie Ferguson, Elizabeth Kay Evans, Suzanne Gills and John Harrison.

Eigth Grade, Mr. McLean: Nancy Jo Kidd, Mary Lou Jamerson, Ann Martin, Alice Martin, Pat Jones and James Harse.

Eigth Grade, Mrs. Martin: Gaynelle Martin, Mary McClenny, Amy Moore, Joan Moses, Barbara Thomas and Joyce Tolley.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club held its monthly meeting Friday, October 24. Peggy Godsey, president, presided. It was decided that the club have a float in the homecoming parade. After the business meeting, the new members were iniated by the second year class. The iniates were instructed to dress as Mexicans on Monday. The meeting was then adjourned.

CIVITAS ROMANA

The Latin Club has had two meetings so far this session. At the first meeting, officers were elected as follows:

Imperator, Donald Gurney
Imperator Secundas, Robert Garrette
Scribas, Faye Martin
Nuntius, Bentley Martin
Pontifex Maximum, Hal Flood

Two Vestal Virgins, Betty Alvis, Eleanor Richardson.

At this meeting the "slaves" were auctioned off to the second year class.

At the second meeting, the Pontifex Maximus gave an offering of fruit to the Goddess Ceres. The first year class presented a skit entitled, "Persephone," which was enjoyed very much.

The club then voted to have an float for homecoming.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most freqeuntly by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. Is it too late to seed lawns?

A. It is too late for best results with the regular lawn mixtures. However, if you want to protect a bank, or if you have bare spots which will stay muddy this winter unless seeded, you might seed rye grass. The lawn will have to be reseeded, but the rye grass will protect it through the winter.

Q. Is it time to treat tobacco plant beds for weed control?

A. Yes, anytime now up until around mid-November.

Q. How does crabgrass compare with orchard grass for hay, and when should it be cut?

A. Crabgrass does not supply as many total digestible nutrients (TDN) as orchard grass, but it will make fairly good hay. The best time to cut it is right after it has headed out.

Q. Should I sell my soybeans now, or put them in storage?

A. Soybean prices are likely to hold close to the support price level most of this season. Whether you should sell your beans or put them in storage will depend on whether you can store them at a cost equal to or less than the difference between support and cash price. So tally this up alongside the cash market price to see if it will pay to store them.

Q. When can I last cut alfalfa?

A. After frost has killed the top growth completely or after growth has stopped in the fall, the remaining alfalfa may be grazed lightly, or cut and used for hay or silage, if enough cover is left to protect the crowns.

Q. Is it too late to seed crimson clover?

A. Yes, it is too late for best results.

Q. Are hogs going to get much lower in price?

A. Indications are that hog prices are close to the seasonal bottom now. They may fluctuate from week to week, but any further general decline will likely be small this season.

SPRING-FLOWERING BULBS WILL ADD COLOR TO YARD

Want early color in your yard next spring? Plant some of the spring-flowering bulbs this fall, advises A. S. Beecher, associate horticulturist at VPI.

Some of the better-known bulbs for spring color include daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, bulbous iris, crocus, scillas, snow drops, and chionodoxas.

You may consider planting them in the flower border, in front of foundation plantings, around the terrace, in front of a shrub border, in front of a fence, at the driveway entrance, or in a wooded area.

Beecher says to plant as early in the fall as possible. Early planted bulbs develop an extensive root system before cold weatehr, and can start off well as temperatures rise in early spring.

Crocus, chionodoxas, and snowdrops may be set with the tops of the bulbs about two inches below the soil surface. Bulbous iris should be at least three inches below, and hyacinths about four inches. Plant tulips six to seven inches from the top of bulb to surface of soil. Plant daffodils fairly deep, about six to eight inches from the soil surface to the base of the bulb. In general plant all bulbs deeper in light soils than in heavy ones.

Bulbs do well in good garden soil if there is good drainage. If the soil is poor, improve it. Commercial fertilizer mixtures such as a 5-10-5 worked into the soil before planting at the rate of about 4 pounds per 100 square feet will usually prove beneficial. Adding organic matter to poor soils also will help. The organic matter can be supplied by cover crops or by material from the compost pile. Avoid using animal manures when you plant the bulbs, because it may cause certain bulbs to rot. During the growing season, after the plants are above ground, make one or more light applications (about 1-2 pound per 100 square feet) of nitrogen fertilizer.

Space the bulbs far enough apart to prevent crowding.

OAKVILLE TO HAVE HALLOWE'EN PROGRAM

There will be a Hallowe'en Festival at the Oakville School Oct. 31, beginning at 6:30 P. M. It is sponsored by the P.-T. A. Hot dogs, drinks and pop corn will be on sale. There will be a fish pond, fun house, cake walk, fortune telling, home-made items for sale, and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

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